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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension, Red Rock Canyon State Park; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7260 for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7260 withdrew 8,896 acres of public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining and mineral leasing laws, except for conveyances under Section 701 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, to protect the Red Rock Canyon State Park resources in Kern County, California, until the lands can be conveyed to the State of California. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. This notice also announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting to be held in conjunction with the proposed extension.

DATES: Comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public meeting in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension on April 27, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the California State Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1623, Sacramento, California 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deanne Kidd, BLM California State Office, at 916-978-4337, or e-mail dykidd@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM has filed an application to extend the withdrawal created by PLO No. 7260 (62 FR 26324 (1997)) for the remaining 6,072 acres of public lands, for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7260 will expire on May 5, 2017, unless extended. The purpose of the withdrawal extension is to protect the park values of this designated area until the lands can be conveyed to the State of California pursuant to the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 4471, sec. 701):

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 29 S., R. 37 E., sec. 25, E½ and SW¼.

T. 29 S., R. 38 E.,

sec. 4, lots 1 thru 4, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄; W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, N¹/₂NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, N¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, N¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

sec. 6, lots 1 and 7, S½NE¼, E½SW¼, N½SE¼, SW¼SE¼, N½SE¼SE¼, and SW¼SE¼SE¼;

sec. 7, lots 1 thru 4, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

sec. 8, E½NE¼, E½NE¼NW¼NE¼, SW¼NE¼NW¼NE¼, S½NW¼NW¼NE¼, S½NW¼NE¼, S½NW¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼NE¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼NE¼NE¼NW¼, E½SE¼NE¼NW¼, NE¼NE¼SE¼NW¼, SE¼SE¼NW¼, SE¼SE¼NW¼, SE¼SE¼NW¼, SE¼SW¼SW¼, and SE¼;

sec. 9, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, NV¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

sec. 17, N½NE¼, N½SW¼NE¼, SW¼SW¼NE¼, N½SE¼NE¼, E½NW¼, E½NW¼, E½SW¼NW¼, E½SW¼NW¼, E½SW¼, E½NW¼SW¼, E½SW¼, E½SW¼, W½NW¼SE¼, and SW¼SE¼;

sec. 18, lots 1 and 2, and $E^{1/2}NW^{1/4}$;

sec. 19, E½SW¼ and SE¼;

sec. 20, E½, E½NW¼, E½NW¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼NW¼, and SW¼;

sec. 21, N½, SW¼, and N½SE¼;

sec. 28, W¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄;

sec. 29, E½NE¼, NW¼NE¼, N½SW¼NE¼, SE¼SW¼NE¼, and NW¼;

sec. 30, lots 1, 4, and 6, N½NE¼, E½SW¼NE¼, E½NW¼SW¼NE¼, E½SW¼SW¼ANE¼, E½SW¼SW¼ANE¼, W½SE¼NE¼, NE¼NW¼, S½NE¾SW¼, and N½SE¼SW¼; sec. 33, N½, SW¼, N½SE¼, SW¼SE¼, and that portion of land in SE¼SE¼ lying north of the northern right-of-way boundary of the highway known as Redrock Randsburg Road.

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sec. 4 that portion of lot 2 of NE¼ lying north of the northern right-of-way boundary of the highway known as Redrock Randsburg Road;

sec. 6, lots 1 and 2 of NW1/4.

The areas described aggregate 6,072 acres of public lands in Kern County.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not segregate the lands from further mining claim filings or from other conflicting uses.

There are no suitable alternative sites as the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 mandates that the area be conveyed to the State of California.

No additional water rights will be required to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

For a period until [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], all persons who wish to submit

comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal

extension may present their views in writing to the California State Director of the BLM

at the address in the ADDRESSES section. Comments, including names and street

addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM California State

Office, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday,

except Federal holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire

comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly

available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your

personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will

be able to do so.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting in connection with the proposed

withdrawal extension will be held at the Kerr McGee Center, 100 W. California Avenue,

Ridgecrest, California, 93555 on April 28, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m. The BLM will publish

a notice of the time and place in at least one newspaper of general circulation no less than

30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in

43 CFR 2310.4.

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California Deputy State Director, Division of Natural Resources.

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